

**A RESOLUTION
BY THE FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM
CITY ATTORNEY TO PURSUE LEGAL ACTION
AGAINST JONATHAN DODD AND ALL
OTHER NECESSARY PARTIES RESPONSIBLE
FOR EMBEZZLING MORE THAN \$400,000
RIGHTFULLY AND LEGALLY BELONGING
TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA;
AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY
TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY AND REASONABLE
ACTION IN ORDER TO DILIGENTLY PURSUE
LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
FOR EMBEZZLING MORE THAN \$400,000
BELONGING TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd is the former director of the Bureau of Motor Transport Services.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd and possibly other unknown persons are responsible for embezzling more than \$400,000 from the city between late 1999 and February 2002 for their personal use.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd pled guilty in the United States District Court on June 13, 2002, to charges of embezzling more than \$400,000 from the city between late 1999 and February 2002 and failing to report the income on federal tax returns.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Dodd is facing up to 13 years in federal prison, and sentencing is set for August 29, 2002.

WHEREAS, the Interim City Attorney and Commissioner of Administrative Services have concluded a preliminary investigation of the facts associated with this matter and determined that the amount of monies embezzled involve a sum substantially more than the amount of restitution he may be ordered to repay during his sentencing on August 29, 2002.

WHEREAS, in light of the conviction mentioned above, it has been further determined that a civil action against the named and other unknown persons is warranted; and that the possibility of recovering additional sums entitled to the City from the named and unknown responsible persons is great.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Interim City Attorney that the Interim City Attorney be authorized, by and through the approval of the City Council and the Mayor, to take all necessary and responsible action to diligently pursue legal action against all persons responsible for

and related to the embezzling of monies rightfully and legally belonging to the City of Atlanta.

NOW, AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Interim City Attorney is authorized to pursue a civil action against Jonathan Dodd and all other persons responsible for and related to the embezzling of monies rightfully and legally belonging to the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 2. Expenses incurred as a result of the ensuing litigation against the named parties will be paid from FAC No. 1A01 529017 T31001, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

SECTION 3. That the Interim City Attorney shall provide the Mayor and City Council with quarterly updates on the status of the litigation.